

century, ~~many of them~~ tend to give great prominence to the virgin and the saints. Lull's writings always placed Jesus Christ at the very center of prominence. His conversion was tied directly to the sacrifice of Christ.

One day as he was scribbling a licentious verse, ~~his eyes, he w~~ he seemed to see vividly before him the Lord Jesus Christ hanging on the cross for his sins, and Christ looked at him ~~with a look~~ ^{in a way} that seemed to say, "After all that I did for you, is this the way that you spend your time." ~~Lull dropped his pen and stopped the activity in which he was then engaged.~~ ^{other} ^{Sull} Four more times he had similar experiences. It just seemed that he could not go on in his gay life. Christ had died that he might be saved. Should not ~~he see~~ his life count for the one ~~who~~ ^{?"} who did so much for him. But how could it count for him? ^{?"} Lull asked. "How could one who has lived in such sin as I have, be of any value in the service of the Divine Christ? ^{He thought of the wonderful grace of} Christ came into his heart, ^{and he saw that he could} ~~could he~~ trust him ^{merely} simply by simple faith, to receive him as His own, ^{and that} to account ~~that~~ on the cross, His merit, the merit of Christ had paid the ^{entire} penalty ~~due~~ for his sin, ^{so} and that he ~~should~~ ^{might} be freed from it.

~~Fully understanding this that he was completely saved, saved forever, through the wonderful grace of Christ, Lull decided to devote his entire life to the service of his Lord.~~ ^{determined} Lull ~~decided~~ ^{and began to consider} to devote his entire life to the service of his Lord. ^{might} Immediately he thought how could he serve him most effectively. The southern half of Spain was still controlled by the Moslems at this time. All of North Africa, ^{Egypt, and} ~~and~~ ^{most of} Syria, ~~and much else~~ was in their hands. Wave after wave of crusaders had recently endeavored to ^{re} conquer ^{Palestine} them. Lull ^{decided} thought that this was the wrong approach. An entirely different approach was needed. These people were not simply enemies to be killed. They were men who might be saved through Christ, even as he himself had been. He must bring to them the message of ~~Damascus~~ ^{salvation}.

Immediately an obstacle occurred to him. How could he talk to the Arabs? He must learn their language, so he went apart and for nine years devoted himself to